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Dear Mr. Schorr,

From your kind 10/21 I know I am your senior and thud I can take advantage of my years and do, it being accepted that seniors are not insulting when they appear to be and I'm sure you know that I do not mean to be insulting. Perhaps it is that in my more recent life I've given more thought to tradition, Mosaic, Bar Kochba, Maccabbean, and the fact that from far back into antiquity I am the first member of my family not born into a tyranny. Perhaps also a little bit of Frost, the belief that with so many fewer miles I still have promises to keep. Without believing that my view must be that of others, who have their own lives, desires and work. And interests.

You, at least, were kind enough to reply, and I got very few from a large and to me and my wife costly effort, to inform the press so it could perform as we once believed it does. Of all the many reporters I know, and I've done a considerable amount of unpaid work for not a few, saved the asses of several, only one has made any effort, that fine human being, Les Whitten. It happens that in clearing my desk a few days ago I found a clipping I'll enclose of the column as it appeared in our local paper. The WxPost eliminated the Meese-keit about me. Without which I might not now be having to waste so much of the little time that remains to me trying to protect the rights of those who don't give a damn, like the Post.

I hope your work goes well and I assume, from your past, that it will be worthwhile. With the growing authoritarianism, if representative society is to be able to work, the people require being informed. In this regard, I'm guided by Santayana, we don't want to relive the history so many have forgotten.

I've been working away at my brief, with less time than I need because I take five hours a day (a little less now that I have to chisel to get the brief done) doing what the doctors tell me to do. I'm not trying to argue your preconceptions about the JFK assassination, but perhaps the few enclosed pages of the uncorrected draft of the beginnning may inform you a little. I suspect that you are one of the large number of liberals who were immobilized by LBJ's political smarts in talking Earl Warren into heading that commission. Don't bother to return them. We have a copier and I'd made this copy for a local history professor friend and can replace them easily. However, if after the 15th of next month, you would like to learn a little more about Oswald and what really happened when JFK was assassinated, we are less than an hour from your home and I'm home from my daily first walking therapy by 10:30 a.m.

Good luck with both books,

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

Afterthought: I've forgotten what I said and sent but three reporters on two major papers said there is nothing newsworthy when, in order to further restrain freedom of information the government has a judicial reward for procuring sanctions against a writer by undenied felonies. The bells really toll for them. I care for them when they don't care for themselves or what they represent. In this effort, when I dared them in response to threat of a contempt sitation, they switched to getting a money judgement. I won't pay it and at some point will face what you did, jail. If they dare. Or can't work around it. The second "them" is the "eaganite government." The first "them" doesn't remember Pastor Nieomuller's belated lament, that there was no one left to care or mourn for him.